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Upcoming Events

Thursday 27 th May	Book Fair
Friday 28 th May	KG Assembly 12.40pm
	Book Fair
	Minister's Student Congress
Monday 31 st May	Reconciliation Day
Tuesday 1 st June	Athletics Carnival K – Yr 6
Wednesday 2 nd June	Harry Laing Poet visit Yr 3 - 6

TERM 2 WEEK 6 NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S
MESSAGE.....

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GOWRIE
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Principal's Message

Thursday
3rd June Japanese Incursion
K – Yr 6

Friday
4th June 2nd hand Uniform
Sale
8.30am – 9.30am

Monday
7th June Board meeting
5.30pm

P&C Meeting
6.30pm

Tuesday
8th June Canteen
Special lunch
K – Yr 2

Wednesday
9th June Canteen
Special lunch
Yr 3 – 6

Friday
11th June 5/6Ha and 5/6B
Assembly
12.40pm

Monday
14th June Queens Birthday
holiday

Dear Parents and Carers

Rostrum

On Friday 21st May select students from year 3 – 6 presented their final school Rostrum speech to the senior school. Rostrum allows students to prepare a speech and practise speaking in front of an audience and then receive feedback. All Gowrie students participated with confidence and enthusiasm. Congratulations to all students selected to participate. The judges had a very difficult decision. However, decided in 3rd place – Laycie Kowalick, 2nd place – Amelia Whittaker-Walsh and the over all winner was Owen Goodale. Owen will now go on to represent Gowrie in the schools final at St Clare of Assisi. We wish Owen all the best in the final.

Cross country

On Monday 24 May, 17 students represented Gowrie Primary at the South Side/ Tuggeranong Zone cross country championships. All 17 participated extremely well representing the school to the best of their ability.

A standout performance was Georgia Lozancic who finished 3rd overall for her entire age group. She will now go on to represent Tuggeranong at the ACT championships.

ENROLEMENTS

Enrolments for the 2022 school year are now open. Enrol by 4 June to receive an offer of enrolment from 26 July.

Every ACT public school is a great school, and if Gowrie Primary is your local priority enrolment area (PEA) school your child is guaranteed a Kindergarten to Year Six place here.

Your best source of information for enrolling is the Education Directorate website education.act.gov.au or the Enrolments Telephone Service (02) 6205 5429. You can also contact us about enrolments directly by emailing gowp@gowrieps.act.edu.au

PRESCHOOL ENROLEMNT

Every four-year-old is guaranteed 15 hours of preschool a ACT SCHOOL. Enrol for preschool in 2022 if your child turns four on or before 30 April 2022.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

School assemblies have re-commenced every even Friday of the term. Unfortunately, due to the size of the hall and Covid restrictions only parents of the class presenting and or those who are receiving awards will be able to attend. Parents will be notified in advance if they have an option of attending.

Gowrie Primary will continue to use the **Check in CBR** app for all visitors who attend internal spaces. We will also continue with the hard copy sign in / sign out book in the front foyer. All visitors/ volunteers must utilise one of the sign in procedures.

Finally, please remember that Monday 31 May is Reconciliation day and is a holiday. This is a public holiday celebrating the culture, contribution and resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Day occurs during National Reconciliation Week. The week, and the day specifically, provide an opportunity for all of us to come together in the spirit of reconciliation to recognise the important place Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history has in our community.

Enjoy the rest of the week and see you back at school on June 1.

Regards

Simon

Deputy Principal's Message

Message from the Deputy Principal

It has been another exceptionally busy week! I would like to thank our amazing front office staff who provide exceptional administration support for our community and excellent levels of care for our students.

Semester 1 Reports

At this time of year teachers are busy writing progress reports for Semester 1. At Gowrie Primary School, we report twice a year on a student's progress against the Australian Curriculum. The Australian Curriculum specifies the knowledge, understanding and skills to be taught and learned within a given subject area from kindergarten to year 6. Teachers gather evidence of student achievement over the semester to inform their reporting and this includes A – E grades for each subject area for Year 1 - 6. Semester 1 Reports are generated by the School Administrative System (SAS) and aligned with the Australian curriculum outcomes. Preschool Reports are aligned with the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) Reports will be emailed home on Wednesday of week 9 for preschool and Friday of week 9 to all students from kindergarten to year 6.

Semester 1 Parent/Teacher Interviews

In Week 10 from 21 – 24 June 2021 we will be offering Parent/Teacher interviews to discuss your child's progress and discuss strategies parents can use to assist their child. As in previous years we are offering parents the opportunity to book interviews through the online booking process. A separate letter will be sent to parents soon outlining how to access the new system and book your interviews. I would like to sincerely thank David Herbert, our Executive Teacher for coordinating the reporting process and Stacey Harnas, our Administrative Officer who will be coordinating the online interview process this year.

Enrolling in Preschool 2022 - Reminder

If your child turns **4 years old after 30 April 2021**, they can start preschool in 2022. All four year old ACT children are guaranteed a place in a public preschool. Enrolments opened Tuesday 27 April. Apply by 4 June to receive an offer from 26 July 2021. Apply online at www.education.act.gov.au.

2021 Australian Teacher Aide of the Year Awards – nominate now

The Australian Teacher Aide of the Year Awards acknowledge teacher aides (also known as teacher assistants, student learning support officers, student mentors) who are making a significant difference to the education of students. Nominees are judged on their positive impact on student learning and wellbeing, collaboration with colleagues and the community, and continuous improvement through professional development and training.

The winner and state finalists will be announced during Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week from 30 August to 3 September. Nominations close on **Friday 16 July**. For more information and to nominate, visit [Australian Teacher Aide of the Year Awards](#).

Angela Georgopoulos
Deputy Principal



Camp Jindabyne



Camp seems like a distant memory now, so we'd thought we'd reflect on what an amazing time we had. The kids rotated through many activities including archery, dodge frisbee, circus tricks, and orienteering and the slider trikes seemed to be a favourite. Team challenges are always a feature of camp. In small groups the kids built a fire using a flint stick, maintained the fire and cooked damper. They had to problem solve in order to build a go-kart that could carry one person. After that, they had to build a shelter using minimal materials to protect them from the impending storm (aka Mr Heff with a hose!)





Science

Last week, we visited the CIL to conduct some science experiments. In the *Liver Experiment*, the students learnt that the liver is the largest internal organ in the human body and its function is to remove wastes and toxins. They tested different variants of liver (fresh, frozen, cooked, minced and pickled) by immersing it in hydrogen peroxide and observing how much gas was released. The more gas, the better the liver was at breaking down the hydrogen peroxide solution. To ensure the testing was fair, students kept all other variables the same (the amount of liver and hydrogen peroxide used) and made sure their measuring was accurate.

CHROMEBOOK ORGANISATION BILL
Connor C, Logan N and Oscar's Chromebook Organisation Bill recently passed. Their bill will help Lanyon function smoothly by ensuring the chromebooks are properly organised and fully on charge. This will support everyone in their learning. We look forward to seeing this bill in action. Well done IT committee!



Parliament

THE GRADUATION COMMITTEE

The Graduation Committee has been working on a Newsletter for kids which is due to be published this term. The purpose behind the bill is to help kids' reading skills and spread the news about the school. The Graduation Committee hopes that their newsletter will entertain and inform students and teachers of Gowrie Primary School. We look forward to reading the first issue!



CANTEEN BILL

The Canteen Bill was proposed by Charlie, Lizzie and Mahlia from the Community Service Committee. This bill was recently passed in the Senate and the kids have held discussions with Mel in the Canteen about getting a roster up and running. This will be a great leadership opportunity for Year 5/6 students, and we look forward to seeing their smiling faces behind the canteen counter soon!



Some bills that were recently presented in Parliament:

The Sports Shirt Bill: The PE and Health Committee devised this bill for Year 5/6 students to wear special shirts when they are on gala days, at district competitions or other special sporting events. Stay tuned for the outcome of this bill!

Wear Your Sports Shirt to School Day Bill: Laycie, Xavier and Isabelle presented a bill last week on behalf of the graduation committee to fundraise for the Year 6 Graduation. Stay tuned for the outcome of this bill!

Book Swap Bill: Evie, Clara and Ashlyn introduced this bill on behalf of the library committee. The idea is to hold a book trading/swap session to encourage students to read. This also helps minimise waste and is sustainable.



Open Learning = Homework

Open Learning is an embedded practise in Year 5/6. We run 2-3 Open Learning sessions per week; Monday afternoon and Thursday mornings, plus an additional session if the timetable allows. The purpose of Open Learning is to teach students how to be independent, organised and manage their time; all very important skills for high school and beyond. Students have about 3 weeks to complete a set of tasks covering a range of topics: reading, writing, maths, spelling, science and more. The onus is on the students to learn how to read and follow instructions carefully, select resources and navigate Google Classrooms and internet sites. An example of an Open Learning sheet is below. For some tasks, students may select (or be encouraged to select) an easier or harder mode to suit their learning needs. All Open Learnings have a due date. We have just finished Open Learning 4 (which was due last Friday) and Open Learning 5 will be due at the end of Week 8. We consider it a realistic expectation for all students to complete the work in class given they are focused and productive with their time. If students are falling behind, they are encouraged to catch up during Catch Up Clubs at school or complete it at home for homework. A lot of the content for Open Learning is posted on Google Classrooms, however if this cannot be accessed at home, there are always hardcopies of the work that can be taken home by the students. They then need to bring the work into school to get checked off.

Open Learning 5 - Term 2 - 2021 Due Week 8 Friday								
OL5	Topic	WALT (We Are Learning For) WLF (What I'm Looking For) Success Criteria	Description	Estimated time for completion	Make it easier	Make it harder	Mark	Teacher Signatures
Essential - These Tasks must be completed first. You may complete them in any order #OL TIP: Read ALL the instructions in each task before starting the task.								
5.01	Chief Minister's Reading Challenge		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Update your Chart here. This is due 25th June. You should have read a total of 30 books (or more) by the due date. 	15 mins				
5.02	BTN Summary	WALT: Summarise information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Read ALL the instructions here before starting, including reading the example on the last slide. 	45 mins				
5.03	Spelling: Portmanteau Words	WALT: recognise, describe, create and spell portmanteau words	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Work through this slideshow to complete this task. 	25 mins	Complete up to and including Slide 10.	Complete all plus create your own word.		
5.04	Peer		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> You must complete this task before OL5.04 Writing. You need to access this slide and the worksheet in tray number 4 to complete this task. 	25 mins				

Rostrum Public Speaking



The School Final of the Rostrum Public Speaking Competition was held last Friday. Congratulations to all students who were selected to speak:

- Edith - Cars of the Future
- Amelia - World War 2
- Oliver - Glaciers
- Alex - Friendship
- Mylo - Going to Mars
- Sophie - Assistance Animals
- Ishan - Cars of the Future
- Laycie - The Year of the Ox
- Ashlyn - Spend More Money on Charity
- Isabella - Anh Do
- Owen - Mission to Mars



A special congratulations to the winner, Owen Goodale who will represent Gowrie Primary School at the Quarter Finals on Tuesday 22 June at St Clare of Assisi School, Conder.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



The library is abuzz with students checking into the Scholastic Book Fair (and beyond.) This week classes have had the opportunity to view more than 200 books being offered for sale. (A complete list can be found at http://bit.ly/Bookfair_2021)

Look out for the purple Wish List slip coming home this week. Go to www.scholastic.com.au/payment enter the 8 digit number and highlight the books being purchased. On return of the payment slip, the books can be picked up from the Book Fair or re-ordered if we're out of stock.

Don't forget the Book Fair is not only a great way of expanding home libraries but also benefits our school library.

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME



On May 19 National Simultaneous Storytime took place with a special reading of Philip Bunting's "Give me some Space!"

Gowrie Primary students joined with more than one million others around Australia in the annual celebration of Australian Author/Illustrators. We were all very excited to have special guest, astronaut Shannon Walker read the book to us all the way from the International Space Station, the only time it's ok to have a book fly through the air!

College Club

For the past month our library has hosted Erindale College students from the Compass Program. Each Thursday lunch-time the students enthusiastically set up a range of interesting table games for our K-4 students and College Club is underway!

It's been great to see new relationships formed and hear sighs of "Oh No!" when the bell rings to signal the end of College Club for the day.





Merit Awards

Congratulations to all of this fortnight's Merit award recipients. Certificates will be given out in assembly on Friday.

CLASS	AWARDED TO	
ATHLLON		
KG	Carly M	Samuel K
KH	Charlie J	Hayley H
GULLA GULLA		
1F	Eloise P	Wyatt K
1HD	Dean G	Evie W
2B	Rory W	Yasmin N
2M	Blair M	Noah S
LAMBRIGG		
3D	Sophie M	Zachary F
3T	Ari S	Bella P
4S	Fraser W	Owen M
4W	Seth W	Suraya B
LANYON		
5/6B	Jessica P	Johnny H-T
5/6H	Lily K-G	Xavier L
5/6HA	Martin K	Shyla K
5/6W	Bella	Cheyenne
4-6M	Connor C	
BRINDABELLA		
K-3L	Mia L	
5-6Ba	Mahrosh S	
ARTS & LANGUAGE		
JAPANESE	Danielle C (2M)	Luca K (3D)
ART	Jakob K (3D)	Cooper V (1F)

P&C News

We're fundraising with Entertainment ❤️ 20% of your Entertainment Membership purchase comes directly to our school. For a limited time only, purchase a Single City Membership and get a FREE upgrade to Multi City! Discover more everyday with offers across dining, travel, activities, shopping & more. Begin exploring and saving across 21 cities and regions in Australia and New Zealand at nearly half the price today ❤️ Click here to support us and unlock your free upgrade: <https://au.entdigital.net/orderbooks/238s48> T&C's apply

Community News



FREE EVENT

Mon 31 May 2021

Reconciliation Day

National Arboretum Canberra
10am -2pm

More than
a word.
Reconciliation
takes action.

events.canberra.com.au/reconciliation-day

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CANTEEN RAFFLE

MELS CANTEEN

“KEEP US GOING” RAFFLE

TERM 2 week 6 and 7 2021!!

Prizes drawn Friday afternoon week 7 and winners notified Tuesday the 8th of June 2021

Tickets are 2 for \$3.00 or 5 for \$5.00

To keep the canteen going strong, we have a fun raffle for everyone to enter into!!

There are **3** ways you can enter to win 3 great prizes.

Purchase tickets online by direct deposit-BSB:062692 ACC:31357033

With your students name as the reference and text us or email us to 0481226960 **or** contactus@melscanteen.com and let us know your students School, Name, class and number of tickets purchased.

Purchase tickets with cash - by visiting the canteen or dropping in an envelope to the canteen with your students name, class and number of tickets to be purchased.

Purchase products over the counter or in your lunch order - this gains an entry into the competition!!

1ST PRIZE - ULTIMATE EARS FLOATING WATERPROOF BLUETOOTH SPEAKER!!

2ND PRIZE - A FAMILY PASS for 4 TO HOYTS MOVIE THEATRE!!

3RD PRIZE - FREE LUNCH MEAL DEAL'S FOR A WEEK FROM MELS CANTEEN!!

Healthy food items to gain an entry into the competition are:

PIKELETS \$1.00 POPCORN \$1.00 (plus a lucky dip!!)

FROZEN FRUIT BARK \$1.00 (plus a lucky dip!!)

CHEESE AND CRACKERS \$1.00

HOT CORN COB \$1.00 (plus a lucky dip!!)

APPLE SLINKY \$1.00 (plus a lucky dip!!)

HAPPY FACE BOILED EGG \$1.00 (plus a lucky dip!!)

CAPSICUM AND CUCUMBER STICKS WITH HUMMUS \$1.00 (plus a lucky dip!!)

Any questions please don't hesitate to call Mel on 0481226960 or email at contactus@melscanteen.com